

Berlin March 15th 10.

My dear Kelly,

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I write to-day (though I think it is your turn) to ask whether I could pay you a visit ^{at} Roddean at the ^{beginning of June} end of May (for about a week) without putting you to inconvenience, or rather whether I should be welcome as a guest at all. This is rather a crude way of putting it, what we call in German, "ich bin in's Land fallen", but circumstances oblige me to be thus outspoken.

The Lachs have asked me to come to them

just after Whitsonide, which would
suit me quite well, only it would not
be worth my while to go to England
to see only them, and perhaps the Kennedys,
who have also written to ask, when I could
pay them another visit. According to
all appearance I shall have a quiet
summer this year, since our lease of the
house will probably be prolonged for
another year, while next summer will
be taken up by many preparations
for breaking up the Lycium and our home

here. I want therefore to see my English
friends this year, if it suits them.
Please do answer me quite honestly, dear
Nelly, for at present I can still easily
change my plans, while later on I
shall be more or less bound by other
people's and my own dispositions.
I wonder where you will spend these
Easter-holidays — whether at Paris
again, or in England? My own begin
next week, but I shall remain here
with Lee for company, who will not
join Ellen at Bumbreen before May.

Ellen has been with us for 3 months, but
has left to-day. We enjoyed a remarkably
mild winter, rather wet and foggy though,
more like an English one; however we
are having lovely spring weather just now,
clear and bright, and the vegetation un-
commonly forward.

Your political proceedings are very in-
teresting, and so are ours, i.e. the Prussian
ones, with regard to election-reforms.

Which party do you belong to?

Good bye for the present, dear Nelly,
with love from Lee and myself

Yours affectionately
Alison Cuth

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